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WATER SOFTENING DEVICE

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 September 30, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 29, 2002, which, by extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), may be responded to on or before September 30, 2002 (three month extension). Please consider the following remarks.